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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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To: Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security  
(COSI) Mixed Committee (UE-Iceland/Liechtenstein/Norway/Switzerland)  
Subject: Summary of discussions

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## MIXED COMMITTEE

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 10879/14 JAI 510 COSI 56 COMIX 318.

### 2. EU Policy Cycle:

#### – Closing report OAP "Illegal Immigration" 2013

The Committee took note of the closing report of the OAP "Illegal Immigration" 2013 as set out in doc. 10480/14 (EU RESTRICTED) with the addition of a small amendment suggested by the DE delegation.

– **Monitoring of the Operational Action Plan "Illegal Immigration": report of the Europol Director and of the National EMPACT Coordinators meeting and six-month progress report**

The Committee took note of the 6-month progress report of the OAP "Illegal Immigration" for the first half of 2014 as set out in doc. 10359/14 (EU RESTRICTED).

The Commission welcomed the 2014 OAP and its level of ambition and underlined the importance of coordination between the OAP and other initiatives such as the Task Force for the Mediterranean.

The Committee took note of the findings of the Europol Director's report on Europol's experiences of the implementation of the EU Policy cycle in the period between November 2013 and April 2014 (doc. 10355/1/14 REV 1 (EU RESTRICTED)) and the outcome of the NEC meeting on 27 and 28 May 2014 as set out in doc. 10447/1/14 REV 1 (EU RESTRICTED).

Some delegations suggested that in future the monitoring report should be more specific and practical, indicating successes, shortcomings with underlying the reasons, and possible solutions. Delegations also commented on Europol's findings regarding funding, encouraged better participation and empowerment of Member States' representatives and underlined the importance of full-time drivers. Some delegations supported the suggestion to split the Cocaine/Heroin OAP into two different OAPs. Reference was also made to cooperation with third countries and the role the EEAS and Interpol could play in this respect. It was also suggested that the media coverage strategy in relation to the Joint Action Days be discussed in the COSI Support Group.

### **3. Any Other Business**

No items were raised.

## **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. 10879/14 JAI 510 COSI 56 COMIX 318 with the addition of an information item by the SI delegation on the outcome of Brdo informal meeting of Interior Ministers.

## **2. Information from the Presidency**

### **– JHA Senior Officials meeting EU-OIPC Interpol on 20 June 2014**

The Committee took note of the agenda of the JHA Senior Officials meeting EU-OIPC Interpol on 20 June 2014 set out in doc. 10612/1/14 REV 1. The FI delegation drew the Committee's attention to Interpol's I-Checkit Screening Solution Pilot Project and voiced data protection concerns, notably regarding the type of access the private sector would have to personal data. Some delegations shared FI's concerns, in particular when access to personal data would be commercially exploited.

The Presidency agreed to address these data protection concerns at the JHA Senior Officials meeting EU-OIPC Interpol on 20 June 2014

### **– the draft SPOC Guidelines for international law enforcement information exchange.**

The Committee was informed that the Working Party on Information Exchange and Data Protection (DAPIX) had agreed on 2 June on draft guidelines for a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for international law enforcement information exchange as set out in doc. 6721/3/14 REV 3, which would be submitted to the Council.

### **3. EU Policy Cycle:**

#### **(a) Closing reports 2013**

The Committee took note of the closing reports 2013 set out in doc.10494/14 (EU RESTRICTED).

#### **(b) Monitoring of the Operational Action Plans: report of the Europol Director and of the National EMPACT Coordinators meeting and six-month progress reports**

The Committee took note of the first progress reports in 2014 of the OAPs THB, Counterfeit goods, Excise fraud, MTIC fraud, Synthetic Drugs, Cocaine/Heroin, Card Fraud, CSE, Cyber attacks, Firearms and Organised Property Crime as set out in doc. 10355/14 ADD 1 (EU RESTRICTED).

The reports of the Europol Director and National EMPACT Coordinators (NEC) meeting were discussed in the Mixed Committee format.

#### **(c) Funding: state of play**

The Commission recalled that the success of the Policy Cycle largely depended on Member States' commitment and hoped that making sufficient funding available would further encourage this commitment. The Commission stated that the Delegation Agreement was one possibility for funding and underlined that the national programmes under the ISF Police should also be considered, depending on the type of activity. A Delegation Agreement with Europol was considered as a temporary solution since it can only be used for new tasks and the Commission was fully committed to conclude this agreement with Europol. EUR 7 million would be allocated to this Delegation Agreement.

#### **(d) Threat Assessment 2013 – Energy fraud in the EU: information by Europol**

Europol informed the meeting that, despite the important economical dimension, Member States had not provided sufficient information to Europol to draft a specific threat assessment on energy fraud. Instead Europol had decided to focus on a number of specific topics of concern for which specific SCAN notices would be produced, in particular oil siphoning, smuggling and theft, and cyber-crime and the energy sector.

#### **4. Fight against terrorism:**

- **Foreign fighters and returnees from a counter-terrorism perspective, in particular with regard to Syria**

The Committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss the issue of foreign fighters again and was informed by the Counter Terrorism Coordinator, Europol and Eurojust on the progress made in the implementation of some of the measures set out in the CTC's paper regarding foreign fighters and returnees, in particular with regard to Syria (doc.9280/1/14 REV 1), which had been endorsed by the JHA Council on 5-6 June 2014. Various delegations expressed their support for the creation of the 'Syria Strategic Communications Advisory Team' and the Commission confirmed its willingness to support this financially. A ministerial meeting with the private sector (e.g. Google) would be organised by the Commission in the autumn 2014 in order to discuss radicalisation online and have an increased understanding on the threats and responses.

Europol stated that the TE-SAT called for increased awareness regarding foreign fighters and pointed out that the Focal Point (FP) "Travellers" was fully operational. Member States were encouraged to contribute actively to this FP. Eurojust updated the meeting on the outcome of a strategic and tactical meeting held on 5 and 6 June 2014. Eurojust would monitor and analyse the relevant case-law on aspiring foreign fighters and returnees and would send an updated report on the criminal justice response to this phenomenon in the autumn.

The meeting acknowledged the importance of exchanging information and using the proper tools, in particular Europol's Focal Point "Travellers" as well as the importance of making progress with regard to PNR. Reference was also made to strengthening border security and border control, the role of the SIS II together with the use of Interpol's databases, the early detection of the radicalisation process, the need for a better understanding of the phenomenon and the importance of cooperation with third countries.

– **TE-SAT: presentation by Europol**

The Committee took note of the European Union Terrorism Situation and Trend Report (TE-SAT) 2014, as set out in doc. 10420/14 + ADD 1.

**5. Future role of COSI: implementation**

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Various delegations welcomed the Presidency's analysis of Member States' suggestions regarding the implementation of the seven outlines which the Committee had identified to further implement its mandate and which were endorsed by the Council (docs. 10102/14 and 7843/3/14 REV 3). The Presidency's "food for thought" paper was considered a good basis for further discussions on the future of COSI under the Italian Presidency. Some delegations were in favour of entrusting the COSI Support Group with the task of drawing up these proposals by, in a first phase, prioritising them and drafting a work programme. In general, it would seem that some proposals could be implemented immediately whereas others would require further discussions. Delegations said that a realistic approach should be developed and recalled the need to avoid duplications with other Working Parties. The idea of submitting an annual discussion paper by the COSI Chair to the Council was again supported.

The Committee agreed that COSI should focus on its operational work and not engage in procedural discussions. The incoming Italian Presidency was invited to continue these discussions on the basis of Member States' contributions and other related discussions, notably following the strategic guidelines on the future of the JHA area.

## **6. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming IT Presidency**

The IT delegation informed the meeting of the priorities for its incoming Presidency. The main issues for COSI would be the follow-up to the strategic guidelines on the future of the JHA area, the review of the ISS, the future of COSI and the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle. Other important topics for the Presidency would be cybercrime, terrorism, strengthening the fight against drugs, irregular immigration and trafficking in human beings as well as hate crimes, discrimination and violence against women. Two COSI meetings had been provisionally scheduled for 30 September and 11 December 2014. The JHA Senior officials meeting with EU-OIPC Interpol would take place on 12 November and a joint COSI/PSC meeting would be organised on 13 November 2014 (tbc.).

## **7. Any Other Business**

- **Information by the Commission on the state of play of the Third Report on Implementation of the Internal Security Strategy in Action**

The Commission briefly informed the meeting that the third and final report on the Implementation of the Internal Security Strategy in Action was scheduled for adoption by the Commission on 20 June 2014 (11260/14). The report would list the key achievements in the implementation of the ISS between 2010 and 2014 and identify the challenges ahead.

- **Interpol's I-Checkit Screening Solution Pilot Project : information from Finland.**

This item was discussed under agenda item 2 "Information from the Presidency".

- **Brdo Process informal meeting of Interior Ministers, 3 June 2014.**

The SI delegation informed the meeting about the outcome of the above-mentioned meeting, which took place in Slovenia on 3 June 2014.